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October 8, 1975

Mr. Jack Douglas, Maine Author
c/o G. P. Putnam's Sons
200 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Douglas:

In the State Library, we have a Maine Room in which our growing Maine Author Collection is on permanent display in glass front bookcases. We wish to have all works of Maine authors represented in this collection.

This collection is a permanent exhibit of books by Maine people or books with a Maine flavor. Most of the volumes are inscribed presentation copies which gives an added interest to this valuable collection. We also gather biographical and critical material aiming to have at the State Library as complete a file as available of books by and information about Maine authors.

We would like to have you inscribe a copy of BENEDICT ARNOLD SLEPT HERE for inclusion in this collection. It would give us pleasure to place your book on the Maine shelves. We hope that you will also continue to send us your future publications.

We would greatly appreciate your sending us biographical writings so that we may have as complete a file as possible on Maine authors.

We have already purchased copies of your book for our circulating library.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Shirley Thayer, Librarian
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Bear Shirley:

I am honored to be considered a Maine Author, but I have been bounced out of Maine by the deviousness of few Maine rip-off ~~maine~~ artists - as you probably know if you read "Benedict Arnold Slept Here".

I guess I am now a Maine Author-in-exile. I intend to correct this uncomfortable position and arrive back in Maine in an altogether different situation ---- the legal profession is hard at work at the moment correcting the errors of the few individuals who thought that it would be fun and profitable to ~~harass~~ shear the out-of-state lambs who would never noticed that their wool was gone until it was too late.

But enough of all this dull stuff --- I have been in love with Maine since I was a small boy at Webber Pond -- (between Waterville and Augusta) --- also as an older boy I played drums with a little band at Tallwood-in-the-Pines a resort hotel on the opposite end of whatever lake it was - near ~~Wintthrop~~ Winthrop. I hitch-hiked as a young man all over Maine -- includeing a trip up through Jackman to Quebec^{City} -- on dirt roads and getting rides in horse-drawn wagons -- which all adds up to how I feel about Maine - Hope it wont be too long before we are back.

All the best - Jack Douglas

